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SURFACE-ALLOYED  
CYLINDRICAL ...

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AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, please delete "DESCRIPTION" and insert --

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before the paragraph which begins with "The object of the present,"  
please insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 6, before the paragraph, which begins with "The invention is explained,"  
please insert -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

Page 7, before the paragraph, which begins with "Figure 1 shows," please insert --  
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.